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First of all, thank you for soliciting comments from the public. I was personally in favor of the original proposal to break up Microsoft, and was disappointed with the weakness of the Justice Department when the time came. Microsoft's cynical idea to donate "almost 1 billion worth of software" to schools is almost certainly yet another flagrant attempt to grab market share and establish a monopoly in yet another sector of the economy. Personally, if Microsoft truly wants to provide a community service and give money to education, they should donate it in cash. That way, the schools in question will have the opportunity to spend the money in whatever way they see fit. Microsoft is an illegal monopoly, and the government must take that into account when they deal with the company. Thank you.

~Brian Kichler